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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
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Application No.: 10/084,458)	Examiner: Hoa Van LE
Filed: February 28, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 4976
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A)	
BLEACH COMPOSITION FOR)	
PROCESSING A COLOR)	
PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicant notes that in the statement of reasons for allowance set forth at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has taken the following position:

The bleaching step alone on a conventional exposed and color developed silver halide color photographic material in the instant claims to only oxidize the exposed silver ions that is distinct from the combined bleaching and fixing composition and step in Kuykendall et al.

However, the claims do not exclude the use of a fixing agent in the bleaching composition thereof.

As discussed in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 filed May 5, 2004, claim 1 is allowable over U.S. Patent No. 6,534,253 (*Kuykendall et al*) at least because *Kuykendall et al* fails to disclose or suggest that a bleach composition is introduced to a color photographic material at least about 24 hours after the steps a) and b) are conducted.

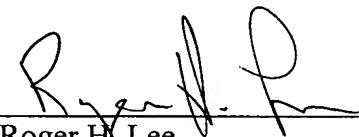
If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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